(b) whether Small Scale Industries of Muzaffarpur city and farmers of its adjoining areas are facing hardships and normal business and life has came to stand still due to power crisis; and

(c) whether Government would make arrangements for direct supply of electricity for agro based industries, agricultural activities and other activities of Muzaffarpur from Kanti thermal Power Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c)The overall energy shortage in Bihar during the year, 2001-02 was 4% and 7 to 9% in peak. Eastern Region as a whole (of which Bihar is a constituent) has substantial surplus power. The power shortage in Bihar is attributable to its financial constraints and consequently its inability to pay for purchase of required power from the central sector stations besides inadequacy in Transmission & Distribution (T&D) system. In order to improve the power supply position in the State, the State Government needs to strengthen the Transmission and Distribution system and take steps to reduce Transmission and Distribution losses. Central Government provides funds under Accelerated Power Development Programme to States for this purpose.

Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the function of State Govemment/SEB concerned. Power supply to various categories of consumers is in the purview of the State Government. Arrangements for direct supply of electricity from Kanti TPS for agro based industries and agricultural activities and other activities of Muzaffarpur have to be decided by the Bihar Government keeping in view the overall availability of power in the State.

Extension of interest subsidy by PFC to project in Karnataka

3274. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
DR. (MS) P. SELVIE DAS:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan sanctioned so far to major projects in the country through Power Finance Corporation;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested Power Finance Corporation to extend the interest subsidy scheme to new five projects; and

(c) if so, whether Government has agreed to the request of Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has sanctioned

Rs 34,532 crores to power projects in the Central/State/Private sector as detailed below:

SI. No.	Type of Projects	Amount sanctioned (Rs. crores)
1.	Generation Projects	18.513
2.	Renovation & Modernization Projects	4.578
3.	Transmission & Distribution Projects	1 1,441
	TOTAL:	34,532

(b) and (c) PFC has sanctioned five loans to Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (KPTCL) under Accelerated Generation & Supply Programme (AG&SP) scheme as per details given below:

SI No.	Name of the Project	Date of Sanction	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in crores)	Amount Disbursed (Rs. in crores)
1.	Installation of electronic Energy Meters	31.8.2001	33.30	5.00
2.	Installation 'of electronic Energy Meters	26.12.2001	66.80	31.32
3	Energy meter for Bharat Jyoti/ Kutir Jyoti & Street lighting	26.12.2001	49.90	7.49
4.	Energy meters for irrigation pumpsets	11.03.2002	52.70	5.00
5.	Breaker protection to power transformer	26.12.2001	112.30	24.81

Both PFC and Government of India have received a request from Government of Karnataka for including 290 MWsAlmatti Dam Power-house under (AG&SP) scheme. There is a proposal to extend AG&SP scheme for grant of interest subsidy to 10th Plan. A provision of Rs. 300 crores has been made in the budget for 2002*03 for AG&SP scheme.

Central Government Power Projects in Different States

3275. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the number of Central Government projects/establishments in various States to generate electricity and power and their installed capacity; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): There are 51 power plants under 6 Central Public Sector